



WORKING PAPER

**DANGEROUS GOODS PANEL (DGP)
WORKING GROUP MEETING (DGP-WG/16)**

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Agenda Item 2: Development of recommendations for amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (Doc 9284)* for incorporation in the 2019-2020 Edition

2.1: Part 1 — General

DEFINITION OF SHIPPER

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SUMMARY

This working paper aims to include a definition for shipper in Part 1;3.1 of the Technical Instructions.

Action by the DGP-WG: The DGP-WG is invited to provide their views and approve the amendment presented in the appendix of this working paper.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 One of the main elements that guarantees the safe transport of dangerous goods is the dangerous goods transport document (Part 5;4.1). The dangerous goods transport document must include a certification “that the consignment is acceptable for transport and that the goods are properly packaged, marked and labelled, and in proper condition for transport” and the certification must be signed by the shipper (Part 5;4.1.6). But who is the shipper?

1.2 In Part 1;3.1 of the Technical Instructions, the definition for shipper is not listed. This role, one of the most important in the safe transport of dangerous goods, is referred to in various sections of the Technical Instructions but never uniquely defined.

1.3 We believe that defining and identifying unambiguously who the shipper is is important in order to stabilize who takes responsibility of the shipment, and that the responsibilities regarding of Part 1;4.1, Part 5;1.3 and Part 5;1.4 are met.

2. **ACTION BY THE DGP-WG**

2.1 The DGP is invited to introduce a definition for shipper in Part 1;3.1 of the Technical Instructions, as shown in the appendix to this working paper.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART 3 OF THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Part 1

GENERAL

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Chapter 3

GENERAL INFORMATION

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3.1 DEFINITIONS

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Settled pressure. The pressure of the contents of a pressure receptacle in thermal and diffusive equilibrium.

Shipment. The specific movement of a consignment from origin to destination.

Shipper. A company, organization or person performing the functions of packaging, labeling and marking of dangerous goods and verifying that the requirements of these Instructions have been met, in order to offer them for transport to the aircraft operator, freight handler or freight forwarder and whose responsibilities are described in Part 5 of these Instructions.

Siftproof packaging. A packaging impermeable to dry contents including fine solid material produced during transport.

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